

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 08922 230950Z

11

ACTION EB-06

INFO OCT-01 NEA-06 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 INR-05 NSAE-00 RSC-01 FAA-00 L-02 /023 W

----- 088189

P 230540Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8687

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 8922

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EAIR, US, IR

SUBJ: CIVAIR-SEABOARD WORLD CATTLE CHARTER FLIGHTS TO IRAN

REF: A) STATE 228626 B) TEHRAN 8823 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBOFFS MET ON OCTOBER 23 WITH DGCA DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION MAHDAVI, WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR CHARTER FLIGHT MATTERS. REVIEWED WITH MAHDAVI GUIDANCE OUTLINED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 REF A AS WELL AS POINTS MADE IN PREVIOUS REFTELS. WHILE HE WAS GENERALLY AWARE OF IMPASSE WITH IRAN AIR OVER CATTLE CHARTERS, HE APPARENTLY HAD NOT BEEN APPRISED OF NUMBER OF FLIGHTS PLANNED, (RUNNING OVER PERIOD OF ONE TO TWO YEARS), DELICACY OF CARGO INVOLVED AND FACT THAT IRAN AIR PROBABLY DOES NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE CATTLE CHARTER FLIGHTS.

2. MAHDAVI LAID PROBLEM SQUARELY WITH IRAN AIR, ADDING THAT WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR KHADEMI OUT OF TEHRAN, IT DOUBTFUL ANYONE IN IRAN AIR WOULD BE INCLINED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESOLVING CURRENT IMPASSE. NEVERTHELESS, MAHDAVI SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN IRAN AIR, AS WELL AS WITH DGCA ARBABI, AND WOULD ADVISE US OF OUTCOME ASAP. MEANWHILE, HE AGREED WITH EMBOFFS THAT EMBASSY SHOULD SUBMIT PARA 2 REF A APPLICATION TO DGCA ARBABI FOR THE RECORD.

3. IN DISCUSSING PARAS 3 AND 4 REF A, MAHDAVI COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH IRAN AIR MAY NOT HAVE DIRECT CAPABILITY FOR HANDLING CATTLE FLIGHTS, HE BELIEVED THAT IRAN AIR MIGHT BE INCLINED TO SUB-CHARTER  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 08922 230950Z

WITH EUROPEAN AIRLINE, THUS CUTTING OUT SEABOARD WORLD AND INSURING

IRAN AIR ITS SHARE OF REVENUE. EMBOFFS EMPHASIZED DELICACY OF CARGO, SEABOARD WORLD PROVEN CAPACITY TO HANDLE SUCH CARGO (TWO SEPTEMBER FLIGHTS), AND U.S. REGULATIONS RE CHARTER FLIGHTS. EMBOFFS ADDED THAT SUB-CHARTER TO ANOTHER AIRLINE MIGHT NOT ONLY BE MORE COSTLY TO END-USERS IN LONG-RUN BUT ALSO DETRIMENTAL TO CATTLE. WHILE MAHDAVI APPEARED SYMPATHETIC HE ASKED IF CAB REGULATIONS WOULD PERMIT PRIVATE IRANIAN CARGO (FOR EXAMPLE, PISTACHIOS) TO BE SHIPPED TO U.S. VIA IRANIAN CARRIER OR NON-U.S. SUB-CHARTER. EMBOFFS REPLIED THAT THEY BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO CAB OBJECTION, BUT WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT:REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSULT CAB RE MAHDAVI'S QUERY PARA 3 ABOVE. IF THERE IS CAB OBJECTION, BELIEVE WE MAY FACE ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING PROBLEMS IN PURSUING SEABOARD WORLD CASE VIS-A-VIS IRAN AIR.  
HELMS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AIR TRANSPORTATION, LIVESTOCK, SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 23 OCT 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** shawdg  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974TEHRAN08922  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740302-0154  
**From:** TEHRAN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19741022/aaaaasch.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** A) STATE 228626 B) TEHRAN 8823 AND P, REVIOUS  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** shawdg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 20 AUG 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <20 AUG 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <06 MAR 2003 by shawdg>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CIVAIR-SEABOARD WORLD CATTLE CHARTER FLIGHTS TO IRAN  
**TAGS:** EAIR, US, IR  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005